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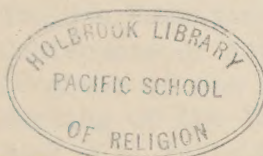
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The United Nations Commission on Human Rights has met from December 1 to 17, 1947 at the Palais des Nations at Geneva. The Commission of the Churches on International Affairs (of the World Council of Churches and the International Missionary Council) was represented by Dr Frederick Nolde. The Commission has worked out a Declaration on Human Rights and a Covenant on Human Rights (see E.P.S. No. 44). With regard to religious liberty the proposed Declaration contains the following article:

"1. Individual freedom of thought and conscience, to hold and change beliefs is an absolute and sacred right.

"2. Every person has the right, either alone or in community with other persons of like mind and in public or private, to manifest his beliefs in worship, observance, teaching and practice."

The proposed Covenant contains the following article:

"1. Every person shall have the right to freedom of religion, conscience and belief, including the right, either alone or in community with other persons of like mind, to hold and manifest any religious or other belief, to change his belief, and to practice any form of religious worship and observance, and he shall not be required to do any act which is contrary to such worship and observance.

"2. Every person of full age and sound mind shall be free, either alone or in community with other persons of like mind, to give and receive any form of religious teaching, and in the case of a minor the parent or guardian shall be free to determine what religious teaching he shall receive.

"3. The above rights and freedoms shall be subject only to such limitation as are prescribed by law and are necessary to protect public order and welfare, morals and the rights and freedoms of others."

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